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Bloomington Police Department & McLean County Coroner's Office

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## *McLean County Coroner and Bloomington Police Release Details on Pedestrian Crash*

Bloomington, IL - McLean County Coroner Dr. Kathleen Yoder is releasing the following information regarding the pedestrian struck by a vehicle on Veterans Parkway in Bloomington, Illinois on November 12, 2025.

Pronounced deceased at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center Emergency Department on November 12, 2025, at 7:50 p.m. was Rodney L. Arbuckle, age 57, of Normal, Illinois. Preliminary autopsy opinion indicates that Mr. Arbuckle died from head injuries due to a pedestrian struck by an automobile. Toxicology testing is pending.

While the investigation continues, preliminary reports from officers indicate the pedestrian was struck in the roadway, on Veterans Parkway, between Oakland Avenue and Lincoln Street. This portion of the roadway is not located at an intersection and does not contain a crosswalk.

The responsibilities for pedestrians and motorists according to the Illinois Vehicle Code are as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/11-1003) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1003)

Sec. 11-1003. Crossing at other than crosswalks.

(a) Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(b) Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(c) Between adjacent intersections at which traffic-control signals are in operation pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

(d) No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic-control devices; and, when authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic-control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.

(e) Pedestrians with disabilities may cross a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk where the intersection is physically inaccessible to them but they shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(Source: P.A. 88-685, eff. 1-24-95.)

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(625 ILCS 5/11-1002) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1002)

Sec. 11-1002. Pedestrians' right-of-way at crosswalks.

(a) When traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle shall stop and yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

(b) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a moving vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(c) Paragraph (a) shall not apply under the condition stated in Section 11-1003(b).

(d) Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

(e) Whenever stop signs or flashing red signals are in place at an intersection or at a plainly marked crosswalk between intersections, drivers shall yield right-of-way to pedestrians as set forth in Section 11-904 of this Chapter.

(Source: P.A. 96-1165, eff. 7-22-10.)

**"Fatal crashes are preventable, and that was true for this sad incident. I would like to emphasize that everyone, including pedestrians, has a shared responsibility to do their part to follow the law and safe practices," said Chief Jamal Simington. "As a pedestrian walking on streets, it is very difficult to determine how fast a motor vehicle is traveling, especially at night. Also, the driver of a vehicle may not be able to see you in time to yield or stop. Let's all do our part to improve roadway safety in our community so lives won't be lost."**

The circumstances surrounding this incident remain under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department, the McLean County Accident Reconstruction Team, and the McLean County Coroner's Office. Anyone with information should contact Officer Jeff Linden at 309-820-8888 or [Jlinden@cityblm.org](mailto:Jlinden@cityblm.org).

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## *Pedestrian Fatally Struck on Veterans Parkway in Bloomington*

Bloomington, IL - On Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at approximately 7:10 p.m., Bloomington police officers responded to the area of Veterans Parkway, between Oakland Avenue and Lincoln Street, for a report of a vehicle that had struck a pedestrian. The Bloomington Fire Department was also dispatched to the scene.

Upon arrival, officers secured the crash scene and began rendering aid to the pedestrian. Paramedics from the Bloomington Fire Department arrived moments later and took over patient care. The pedestrian, an adult male, was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Due to the severity of the incident, the McLean County Accident Reconstruction Team was requested to assist with the investigation.

The pedestrian later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at a local hospital. An autopsy is pending, and his identity is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The adult driver remained at the scene and is cooperating with the investigation. No other serious injuries were reported as a result of this crash.

The circumstances surrounding this incident remain under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department, the McLean County Accident Reconstruction Team, and the McLean County Coroner's Office. Anyone with information should contact Officer Jeff Linden at 309-820-8888 or [Jlinden@cityblm.org](mailto:Jlinden@cityblm.org).

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The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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